

# My Dreamy Old Husband

## Chapter 403

Sophia was surprised. Back then, Glory Entertainment kept slandering Michael to the point where there were so many dark secrets revealed about him. As Michael's fan, Sophia hated every single artist under Glory Entertainment.

Nonetheless, what went around came around; someone actually defamed Glory Entertainment recently, revealing that the artists under its management often used substitutes while filming. The main cast members would only put their pride aside and take a few shots when they needed close-ups.

The whole filming only took place in one set, and they used substitutes for both action sequences and normal dialogue scenes. The actors and actresses did not need to memorize their scripts at all, and they even used film masks which were made out of special material.

It could be made to look exactly like the face of the actor, and all the details on the face could be mimicked accurately. It was exactly like the human skin mask in ancient times.

An online gossip account spread the scandals on the Internet, describing it in such a realistic way; it sounded like the film mask could be made to resemble a real person. It could even mimic all the expressions on a person's face.

In the future, actors no longer needed to show their faces during filming anymore; they simply had to sign a contract with the entertainment company, and they would hire substitutes who would wear human skin masks and stand in for them during the entire filming process. These actors only had to sit and wait for their pay to be transferred into their accounts.

Even though Sophia hated Glory Entertainment, she still had some doubts over the truth about film masks; she felt that human skin masks were simply too outrageous to believe. If an actor used film masks while filming, it would also be an insult to the acting profession as well as their fans!

“Uh... is the film mask thing real?”

Michael nodded. “Yeah, I’ve been feeling quite lazy as of late, so I asked the production crew to create several film masks as standby; they found a substitute to wear the mask and take my place during filming for the past few days.”

Sophia was speechless; she didn’t know that her idol could be unprofessional sometimes. She decided to retract the statement she posted on Twitter a few days ago which read, ‘The entire family of all actors who use film masks must die.’

While peeling a fruit for her, Michael explained, “Glory Entertainment was the one who created film masks. I’ve used it before, and it can really mimic the exact details on an actor’s face; you can’t virtually see any difference in wide shots.

For close-up shots, just avoid moving too much—after some post-production editing, it will look exactly like the actor himself, and the audience wouldn’t be able to see the difference at all.” Although Michael looked down upon such cheating tricks, he had to admit that a film mask was quite the invention!

“Last night, did you find a person to die on your behalf using the human skin mask?” Sophia was utterly bewildered.

Michael didn’t respond immediately. After peeling the fruit, cutting it slowly into several slices and taking out the seed inside, he finally answered, “It was a drug addict. It’s impossible for him to stop taking drugs anymore; he was willing to die on my behalf as long as I gave his family 1,000,000.”

1,000,000 in exchange for a life!

Michael looked calm and unflustered when he mentioned the drug addict; he didn't feel a least bit sorry for the loss of a human life at all. To him, it wasn't worth spending 1,000,000 to buy a lowlife like the drug addict! However, he had ran out of time back then; it wasn't easy finding a person with the same build and face as him in such a short time. Since the drug addict had volunteered himself, Michael reluctantly agreed to his request.

He was already a worthless scumbag when he was still alive. Besides hitting his wife and kids every day, the only thing he did was to steal money from the house, go out and get high on drugs.

His wife had to take up three different jobs at the same time to raise their children. Yet, he stole his children's tuition fee too. In the end, he spent all the money on drugs. He was willing to die if his death could bring some benefits for his family.

Sophia didn't ask Michael about this anymore. Suddenly, she remembered that Michael's father, Theo, died in a war around the Southwest border of Cethos back then; the main cause which triggered the war was drugs.

A drug lord in Cethos had established his own large drug empire around the border, which was a no man's land not governed by laws; the place soon became the largest drug manufacturing base in the world.

Theo was ordered to go and exterminate those bunch of ruthless drug criminals. Even though he had managed to successfully capture several of the most wanted criminals in the end, Theo died due to serious injuries sustained during the bust.

Elizabeth couldn't take the blow after Theo died. So, she chose to commit suicide and died along with her husband. Therefore, Michael had always despised drug addicts very much. Once a person got involved in drugs, his entire life would be ruined for good!

The couple became silent for a while after the question. Michael fed Sophia several pieces of fruit one by one. He purposely cut them in small pieces as there were cuts around the corner of her mouth, and she couldn't open her mouth too wide while eating.

She took each bite carefully, worried that the cuts around her mouth might hurt. She asked again curiously, "How did you guys find me?"

The Phantom Wolf's leader had kidnapped and taken Sophia to Golden Drive Elementary School. However, he told Michael that Sophia was in Mount View Elementary School instead. He did that on purpose to lure Michael there, planning to blow him up into pieces.

Michael took the other half of the fruit where Sophia had taken a bite from and shoved it into his mouth directly to finish it. He answered, "A few years ago, I went on a mission near that place with the army. Coincidentally, we came across a fire accident at Golden Drive Elementary School. I joined the army to extinguish the fire, so I'm quite familiar with the place."

The Phantom Wolf's leader thought he was clever enough to trick Michael by sending him a video showing the brutal fight between Sophia and Kayla. His initial plan was to provoke Michael, making him lose his calm and clouding his judgment.

However, he hadn't expected Michael to pick up so much information from the short video clip which was only ten seconds long. For example, the layout of that classroom, the direction the wind blew that night and the light swaying in the classroom helped him determine the exact position Sophia was located at. Soon, Sophia fell asleep again after having something to eat.

Michael closed the door quietly. He asked Nathan to keep Sophia company in the hospital while he went home first. After all, there were still a ton of things waiting to be settled. Upon returning home, he went down to the basement first and saw Abel dissecting Kayla's body.

A while ago, a fire had broken out in prison and caused the death of several prisoners. Coincidentally, Kayla was one of the prisoners who died in the incident. They didn't expect that she would appear in the hands of the Phantom Wolf's leader.

Performing autopsies was one of the main skills Abel focused on practicing throughout the years. Having performed a last-minute autopsy on Kayla's body, he discovered that her hands were covered in scabs; it seemed like she had gone through intense and harsh training under the Phantom Wolf before she died.

She was injected with a high dose of stimulant while she was still alive; the drug could greatly enhance a person's strength within a short period of time. However, its after-effects were horrible. Based on the amount injected into Kayla's body, even if she had survived, she would spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

Her body was implanted with a type of high-tech electrocuting device equipped with a remote control switch. Once the device was switched on, it could cause numbness to the muscles for three to five seconds, making the person feel weak; it felt like they had lost all energy.

It was clear that the Phantom Wolf had no intention of letting Kayla kill Sophia. Every time Kayla was about to deal a fatal blow to Sophia, someone would secretly switch on the device remotely and temporarily numb Kayla.

Such a special kind of high dosage stimulant and the implanted device would definitely leave a clue for investigation. In addition to the clue in which Kayla had been trafficked out of prison, Abel was certain he could find out more about the Phantom Wolf's leader if he was to look into the three clues together.

Besides, defusing the bomb implanted in the body of the Phantom Wolf was one of the most important things Abel had to figure out and research too.

Michael observed Abel quietly while the latter examined the body. He continued to frown; his perspective on the world would change every time he investigated

the Phantom Wolf's leader. The phrase 'With hell being empty, all the devils are here' can be used to describe the Phantom Wolf.

Why would such a ruthless and savage person like him exist in this world? He might as well die if he thinks the world isn't as wonderful as he thought it would be!

Abel had his own workroom where he carried out autopsies, and it was completely surrounded by plexiglass. He examined the body while talking to Michael through the glass at the same time.

"Didn't Harry receive some information today?"

Through the glass, Michael looked at Abel. The latter was wearing a white lab coat and a surgical mask while dissecting the body.

"It's information about your Mitchell Family."

Abel was curious. "Oh, let's hear about it."

Michael didn't know what kind of expression he was supposed to put on his face. "Chica has a twin brother."